

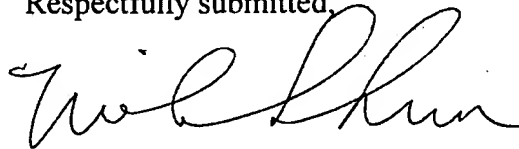
**REMARKS**

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 25, 2008 and the agreement reached by the undersigned and the Examiner during a phone conference earlier this month, Applicant submits an Amendment After Final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to accept allowable claim coverage. By this response, claims 21-24, 27-29, 32-34, and 36-40 are pending. Compared to the immediately prior version, claims 21 and 32 are amended. Also, claims 1-20, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 41 remain canceled, while all others remain as previously presented.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of the claims 28, 29, and 37-40. Also, Applicant has amended independent claims 21 and 32 to eliminate certain language objected to by the Examiner, as was discussed during the phone conference earlier this month. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 21 and 32, as well as claims 22-24, 27, 33-34, and 36 depending therefrom, are now allowable, as was discussed during the phone conference earlier this month.

It is believed no obstacles to patentability remain in this application and Applicant requests a timely Notice of Allowance. To the extent any other matters require attention, please have the Examiner or the Primary Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed telephone number. *If any additional fees are due, although none are believed due, the undersigned authorizes their deduction from Deposit Account No. 11-0978.*

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